

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 420

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION congratulating Alexis Hornbuckle, member of the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers 2007 National Championship team.

WHEREAS, in a spirited display of athleticism and teamwork, the University of Tennessee Lady Vols once again reign supreme, as they captured the coveted 2007 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship by soundly defeating Rutgers University, 59-46; and

WHEREAS, led by Coach Pat Summitt, the preeminent basketball coach in all of women's college basketball, the Lady Vols further etched their place in college basketball lore with the victory over the Scarlet Knights before a capacity crowd of mostly orange-clad faithful in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, challenged by Coach Summitt in her pre-game talk to win for the throngs of faithful Lady Vol followers, the team responded in typical fashion by dominating Rutgers from the game's outset, firmly establishing Tennessee as the most successful basketball program in the history of women's intercollegiate athletics; and

WHEREAS, without the diligent work ethic and extraordinary talent of each team member, this astounding victory would not have been possible; one such team member is junior Alexis Hornbuckle of Charleston, West Virginia, who plays guard; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Jerome and Quandora Hornbuckle, Ms. Hornbuckle graduated from South Charleston High School; and

WHEREAS, during the 2005-2006 season, Ms. Hornbuckle was named to the All-SEC second team by the league's coaches; she finished her sophomore season ranked seventh in the UT record books for career assist average; and

WHEREAS, during the 2004-2005 season, Ms. Hornbuckle made the SEC All-Freshman Team, which she led in steals and assists, as well as ranked third in blocks, an impressive feat considering her relatively short height of 5 feet 11 inches; she also scored a team-high fourteen

points, as well as six boards, four assists, and two steals in the victory at Connecticut, earning her Co-SEC Player of the Week, Lady Vol Athlete of the Week, and Philips Player of the Game honors for her effort; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly and Lady Vol fans everywhere take great delight in honoring each member of this extraordinary group of young women who have contributed mightily to the successful legacy of University of Tennessee Women's Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Alexis Hornbuckle's determination, work ethic, and talent have not only made possible a memorable and successful basketball career, but also surely point toward her success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Alexis Hornbuckle epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Alexis Hornbuckle, guard for the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers 2007 National Championship team, for her hard work and determined play during the 2006-2007 season and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.